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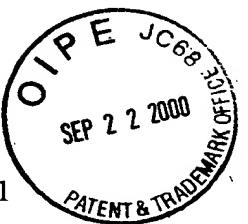
In re Patent Application of

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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING AN  
ABSORBENT MATERIAL, AN  
ABSORBENT MATERIAL AND  
ABSORBENT ARTICLES  
INCLUDING THE MATERIAL IN  
QUESTION



) Group Art Unit: 1623

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claim 18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1 and 11 as follows:

1. (Twice-Amended) A method of producing polysaccharide fibres, comprising the steps of dissolving a polysaccharide in a solvent, thereby forming a solution, and spraying

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